

In the Claims

Claims 1-13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (currently amended):

A plastid transformation vector for stably transforming a plastid, said plastid vector comprising, as operably linked components, a first flanking sequence, a DNA sequence coding for a protective antigen capable of expression in a plastid, [The vector of claim 1, wherein the vector further comprises] a DNA sequence coding for a chaperonin, and a second flanking sequence.

Claims 15-20 (canceled).

Claim 21 (currently amended):

A plastid transformation vector for stably transforming a plastid, said plastid vector comprising, as operably linked components, a first flanking sequence, a DNA sequence coding for a protective antigen capable of expression in a plastid, [The vector of claim 2, wherein the vector further comprises] a DNA sequence coding for a chaperonin, and a second flanking sequence, wherein said protective antigen is a bacterial antigen.

Claims 22-44 (canceled).